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SUBJ: FY 76 PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM FOR HAITI

REF: STATE 299626 (NOTAL)

1. APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON FY 1976 PROGRAM (REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO MANAGER GOH-OWNED FLOUR MILL, TO DATE HAITI HAS IMPORTED 56,494 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT FOR MILL SINCE JULY 1, 1975. IN ADDITION, CANADIAN FIRM MANAGING MILL HAS SO FAR PLANNED 80,000 METRIC TONS OF CANADIAN WHEAT FOR CY 1976 OF WHICH 48,000 MT SHOULD ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS: 8,000 MT BETWEEN JAN 25 AND FEB 25; 8,000 MT IN MARCH; 8,000 MT BETWEEN APRIL 15 AND MAY 15, 8,000 MT IN MAY; 8,000 MT IN JUNE; AND 8,000 MT IN JULY.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT AGREE THAT ALL TAX REVENUE FROM FLOUR SALES SHOULD BE PLACED IN SPECIAL FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES SINCE SEVERAL TAXES ON FLOUR ARE NOW BEING USED FOR FINANCING IMPROVEMENT TO FLOUR MILL AND FOR ALLOCATION TO DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGETS, BOTH OF WHICH DESPERATELY NEED FUNDS. AN ATTEMPT TO PULL THESE FUNDS INTO A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE

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IN OUR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES, WHICH

ARE TO ENSURE THAT NO INCOME GOES TO REGIE FROM SALES UNDER PL-480 AND TO PERSUADE HAITIANS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF FISCALIZATION OF REGIE ACCOUNTS. TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, WE WILL NEGOTIATE FIRMLY FOR REQUIREMENT IN THE AGREEMENT THAT A SPECIAL FUND BE ESTABLISHED IN THE NATIONAL BANK IN WHICH THE GOH WILL DEPOSIT THE EQUIVALENT OF THE REGIE TAX COLLECTED ON FLOUR MILLED FROM U.S. PL-480 WHEAT. WE WILL ALSO INSIST THAT THE GOH USE THESE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT PRUPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OUTLINED IN THE AGREEMENT, AND THAT THE U.S. BE ABLE TO VERIFY THE USE OF THE FUNDS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT USG SHOULD DEMAND RIGHT OF PRIOR APPROVAL FOR USE THESE REGIE FUNDS SINCE THIS DEMAND COULD RAISE EMOTIONAL SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE CONCERNING RIGHT OF FOREIGN COUNTRY TO PROGRAM USE HAITIAN TAX FUNDS. WE BELIEVE IT BEST AVOID THIS ISSUE IN VIEW HISTORY U.S. FINANCIAL CONTROLS OVER HAITIAN TAXES DURING AND AFTER OCCUPATION PERIOD.

4. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDE REQUIREMENT FOR WORDING WHICH WILL ASSURE THAT (A) FUNDS EQUIVALENT TO REGIE TAX ON PL-480 TITLE I COMMODITIES BE DEPOSITED IN SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN BNRH; (B) FUNDS BE UTILIZED FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AS OUTLINED IN PL-480 AGREEMENT; (C) GOH INFORM USG OF USE OF THESE FUNDS PERIODICALLY; AND (D) USE OF FUNDS BE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION BY USG.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW CRITICAL NEED FOR LONG LEAD TIME IN PLACING ORDERS FOR WHEAT SHIPMENTS, EMBASSY/USAID WILL APPRECIATE NOTIFICATION OF NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.
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